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**To:** Attorney General John Ashcroft**From:** Byron Foster**Fax:** 1202 307-1454**Pages:** 1 + Cover**Phone:****Date:** January 23, 2002**Re:** Microsoft Settlement**CC:****xUrgent****For Review**☐ **Please Comment**☐ **Please Reply**☐ **Please Recycle****• Comments:**

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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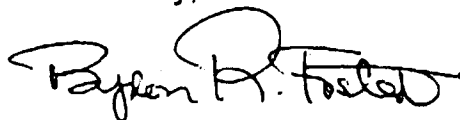
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The settlement that has been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is fair. Any antitrust violations that Microsoft may have been guilty of in the past will be halted with the creation of a three-man oversight committee, which will monitor Microsoft's business practices. I believe that with this provision in force, any further questions of the suit should be put to rest.

I believe that Microsoft is a good company, which contributes a great deal of capital to our economy. This is one of our best and brightest companies and we need them to be operating at full strength during these times of economic instability. With this settlement, I think we can get back to business and remedy some of our economic problems, especially within the technology sector, which has been placed on hold for the last three years.

I am pleased that a fair settlement has finally been reached and that we can shift our focus to other issues. Thank you for the time and consideration that you have put into this issue. I believe that you have made a prudent decision by settling. Please continue to support American business with all of your future decisions.

Sincerely,



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